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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was pleased to hear that the Department of Justice had settled its antitrust case against Microsoft. The case had gone on for far too long, and the nation had suffered for it. There is no need to waste taxpayer dollars on this topic anymore, especially when there are many other important issues at hand. I fully support the settlement that has been reached.

Some of Microsoft's critics may say the settlement isn't hard enough on Microsoft, but they would be incorrect. Under the settlement, Microsoft will share information with its competitors, which will allow them to more easily place their own software on Microsoft's operating system. This measure alone would greatly increase competition in the technology market, but Microsoft has agreed to even more. Microsoft will also agree to adhere to a uniform pricing list when licensing Windows out to the twenty largest computer manufacturers in the country, forgoing standard market pricing mechanisms. Additionally, Microsoft will be monitored full time by a technical review committee to ensure that it follows the dictates of the settlement.

For these reasons, I am in full support of the settlement, and I look forward to seeing an end to this lawsuit.

Sincerely,



Dee Ann Henderson